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## OUT OF A WINDOW

## GIANT WINE VAT. COMMODORE GOES.

Tragic Death of Editor Joseph B. McCullagh.

### FOUND DEAD ON THE PAVEMENT

The Famous Newspaper Man of St. Louis Ends a Siege of Physical Ills by Throwing Himself Out of His Room—His Skull Is Crushed—The Arrangements for the Funeral Saturday.

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—Mr. Joseph McCullagh, editor of the St. Louis *Globe Democrat*, and one of the best known newspaper men in the country, is dead as the result of a fall of 25 feet from a second story of his apartments at the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Kate Manion, at 3837 West Pine boulevard.

The body, which was cold in death and clad only in a nightgown, was discovered by Mrs. Manion's colored servant about 7 a. m.

Waters, the colored servant, without touching the body, ran frightened into the house, where he told the cook of the discovery. She immediately called Mrs. Manion, who had not yet arisen, and told her that Mr. McCullagh had "fallen out of his window and killed himself."

His friends claim Mr. McCullagh did not commit suicide. About midnight Mrs. Manion detected gas. She investigated and found a burner in the combination gas and electric light chandelier, which hangs suspended in the center of Mr. McCullagh's room, open. The odor of gas was very strong in the apartments. Mrs. Manion turned on an electric light and shut off the gas. Mr. McCullagh woke up.

"Joe," she said, "did you know gas was escaping in your room? You would have been a dead man in the morning if I had not discovered it."

Mr. McCullagh was apparently too drowsy to realize what his sister-in-law said. He murmured an inaudible reply and fell asleep again. Mrs. Manion raised the open window a little higher so that the fumes of the gas would leave the room, and then returned to bed.

The funeral is set for 2 p. m. Saturday at Mrs. Manion's residence. Rev. Dr. W. W. Boyd, pastor of the Second Baptist church, and Rev. John Snyder, a prominent Unitarian minister of this city, will conduct the services. The interment will be at Bellfontaine cemetery.

Mr. Joseph B. McCullagh was born in Ireland, and with his brother came to this country in his youth. His first important newspaper work was done in Cincinnati. Later he went to Chicago and took the managing editorship of the *Chicago Republic*. He occupied this position until shortly after the Chicago fire. Then he came to St. Louis and took the editorship of the *St. Louis Globe*, which was subsequently consolidated with The Democrat and became the *Globe-Democrat*.

### FAILED TO OPEN.

A North Dakota Banks Finds Itself Unable to Float.

Grand Forks, N. D., Jan. 1.—The directors of the Second National Bank of this city decided not to open for business.

It is said by the officers that immediately following the failure of the National Bank of Illinois and the Bank of Illinois the bank had sustained a shrinkage of \$40,000, while their deposits amounted to about \$17,000 during the past 14 days.

### Status of Arbitration Treaty.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The new treaty between the United States and Great Britain, by which all the differences between the two countries for the next five years are to be referred to arbitration will not be signed at present. Mr. Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefoot closed the negotiations about 17 days ago, and the final draft was made and forwarded to Lord Salisbury. The causes for the delay can not be stated.

### Wolcott Will Go Abroad.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Senator Wolcott of Colorado, the chairman of the special Senate committee to arrange for a bimetallic conference of the nations of the world, is going abroad to confer with European bimetallicists on the subject. The purposes of his visit are known and approved by President-elect McKinley, and his trip is made at the request of his associates on the senatorial committee.

### Expelled From the Ministry.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 1.—H. C. Morrison, evangelist, who has been holding meetings without permission of presiding elders, was expelled from Methodist ministry. He is a son of Rev. H. C. Morrison of Nashville and made Lexington his residence. He now stands in the same attitude toward the Methodist Church South as Sam Jones.

### Fremont Campagners.

Pittsburg, Jan. 1.—A reunion of Republican campagners will be held here on Jan. 20, 1897, and an effort is being made to secure a large attendance from all parts of the country of participants in the first Republican

### Hair in the Lead.

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—Frank Hart, the colored pedestrian from Chicago, is leading in the six-day heel and toe walking match.

## Largest Receptacle on Earth at San Francisco.

### IT WILL HOLD 80,000 GALLONS.

The Famous Heidelberg Casket Is a Baby by the Side of the Newcomer, Whose Proportions Are Like a Two-Story Cottage—Four Quadrille Sets Could Dance on the Bottom.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—The largest oak wine vat in the world is being set up by the California Wine Association at the Lachman cellar here.

The famous Heidelberg casket is a baby by the side of the newcomer, which has the proportions of a two-story cottage, and on the bottom of which four quadrille sets could be danced with ease.

The Heidelberg wonder has a capacity of 50,000 gallons, while this San Francisco monster is to hold 80,000 gallons.

The huge cask is oval-shaped on the ground and measures 27½ x 30 feet in each direction, while the great staves rise to a height of 20 feet and are from two and a half to three inches in thickness. The wood used will weigh 20 tons and the iron hoops will turn the scales at six tons or over.

### WAIVES EXAMINATION.

The Agents of Mr. Wanamaker Ends Trial For Bribery.

Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 1.—Some startling testimony was given in the preliminary hearing of E. A. Van Valkenburg, who has charge of John Wanamaker's senatorial campaign at Harrisburg, and who was arrested charged with attempting to bribe Representative Webster C. Weiss of Northampton county to vote for Mr. Wanamaker for United States senator.

The trial terminated abruptly after when the defendant waived a further hearing and entered bail. This was done because of the admission of Detective Tillard's testimony regardless of the objections of the defense.

Shortly after leaving the office, another warrant was served upon Mr. Van Valkenburg, charging him with conspiracy to bribe Dr. N. J. Mackey of Lackawanna.

Bail in the same sum was entered. After the withdrawal of the defendant and his counsel, the taking of testimony was proceeded with in their absence.

Tillard swore that he had received \$500 in five notes of \$100 each to pay Representative Weiss. He said the money was given to him by Van Valkenburg. He subsequently refused five other \$100 notes from Scranton and returned them to Van Valkenburg, who afterward acknowledged their receipt.

### Secretary McCraith Resigns.

Indianapolis, Jan. 1.—Secretary McCraith of the American Federation of Labor resigned. He gave for the first time his statement in reference to the charges against President Gompers, which created the sensation at the recent convention of the Federation at Cincinnati. The charge made then, which Mr. McCraith reiterated, was that Gompers negotiated with National Chairman Jorss for the purpose of using the Federation's influence on the part of the silver campaign.

### To Hide His Disgrace.

Duluth, Jan. 1.—At 5 p. m. William G. Park, representing the sugar trust, shot himself through the head with a 3-caliber revolver in his office in the Chamber of Commerce building. The deed was evidently committed to escape the exposure and probable prosecution which was imminent, for it is learned he was between \$5,000 and \$8,000 short in his accounts with the trustee. Mr. Park was under surveillance of the trust.

### Raised the Cash.

Nashville, Jan. 1.—At a mass meeting of citizens, at which Governor-elect Taylor and other prominent men made speeches, the balance of \$500,000 subscription needed to secure the government building exhibit appropriation was subscribed. The government appropriations of \$130,000 will now be available, and proper certification of the subscribed amount was forwarded to Secretary Carlisle at once.

### Abner McKinley In Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Jan. 1.—Abner McKinley, brother of the president-elect, paid a flying visit to Pittsburg, and previous to his departure for the east he held a long and earnest consultation with P. C. Knox, the prominent attorney, who has frequently been put forth as a probable member of the new cabinet. Whether or not any political significance attaches to the interview can not be stated.

### Not Sufficient.

Monroe, Va., Jan. 1.—It is said that the \$65,000 appropriated by the state for the relief of the drought sufferers will not be adequate. Careful estimates show that the amount distributed in the shape of corn and meal will not furnish bread for more than two weeks.

### Bank Failure in France.

Paris, Jan. 1.—The bank failure is announced at Caen of David and Julian Reitner & Company, for 1,250,000 francs (\$250,000). The books were found to be falsified and David Reitner has fled.

## Vessel Leaves For Cuba With Munitions of War.

### PROTEST OF THE SPANISH CONSUL.

Clearance Papers Are Taken Out by the Pillaging Steamer, but It Is Not Thought She Will Land Her Cargo at the Port Named in the Document Other Points.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 1.—The steamer Commodore cleared at the custom house at 5 p. m. with a cargo of arms and ammunition consigned to Salvador Cisneros, president of the Cuban republic, at Cienfuegos, Cuba.

A crew of 27 men was carried despite the fact that the Commodore is of only 99 tons register. Most of these were Cubans. Among the number was Stephen Crane, the novelist, who signed as a seaman at \$20 per month.

The cargo consists of the following: One thousand pounds of dynamite, two boxes electric apparatus, 200 rifles, 203,000 cartridges, 300 machetes, 14 boxes drugs and three bundles of clothing.

Papers were issued notwithstanding that a formal protest was made by Senor Solis, Spanish consul for Florida, which was made in writing to the collector. The grounds were that the rules and regulations of ports of entry in Cuba prohibit the importation of munitions of war except upon the written permission of the governor general of the island, and also upon the ground that it is the belief of the consul that the arms are to be used by the insurgents against the Kingdom of Spain, and also the ports to which they are consigned.

The Spanish consul also refused to vise the clearance papers, which is a necessary requisite in going to a foreign port, for the reason that the regulations do not permit the importation of arms upon the island without a permit, and this Captain Murphy did not have. The consul issued a certificate, however, stating his refusal and the reason thereof.

The Commodore went down the river at 8 p. m., an officer from the revenue cutter Boutwell having been placed on board to see that no one should be taken on board while going down the river. The officer was instructed to leave the boat at the mouth of the river.

It is not believed that the Commodore will make an attempt to land its cargo at Cienfuegos, but will make a landing at some convenient place along the Cuban coast.

### FORM OF AUTONOME.

The Spanish Ministry Decide Upon It at a Meeting in Madrid.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The form of autonomy which Spain is willing to grant to Cuba was decided upon in Madrid at a council of the ministry presided over by the queen regent.

The decree still lacks the official endorsement of the cortes, but it is believed will be easily obtainable when conditions have reached such a point that the Spanish authorities believe the reforms can be introduced in Cuba without disturbance and turmoil from any discontented factions. This information reached the Spanish legation Thursday night and Minister de Lome was authorized to make public the concessions agreed upon.

These reforms are to go into effect immediately in Porto Rico, and are announced in the desire to promulgate them as a New Year's gift to the citizens of Porto Rico. These same measures of relief, it is said, will be announced in Cuba so soon as the pacification of the island is such that the reforms can be brought about without such revolt as would now be caused by the insurgents.

It is claimed that, should the rebellious portions of the island indicate their willingness to accept the system of home rule suggested by Spain, and cease the insurrection, that the reforms immediately would go into effect. Though the decree announced is intended at present for Porto Rico alone, when they are effected in Cuba, they will be on an enlarged scale and Porto Rico also will be favored with the larger rights allowed Cuba.

Friends of the Spanish legation here state that these reforms were not brought about by the intercession of the United States. Senor de Lome said: "The reform law was voted by the cortes in February, 1895. It was accepted then by the autonomist party and received a unanimous vote in the party.

The leaders of the autonomist party of Porto Rico have been in Madrid this winter and the royal decree entirely meets with their approval.

### THREE FRIENDS ARRIVES.

The Pillaging Steamer Is in Charge of a Custom Officer.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 1.—The steamer Three Friends arrived in port shortly after noon from Key West with Peter O. Knight, deputy collector of customs at Key West, on board. Mr. Knight reported to the collector of customs Bisbee, and the latter, acting under instructions from Washington, had an officer from the Boutwell placed on board. The boat will be held until it shall be libeled on the district attorney, who was out of the city. The officer of the Three Friends declined to make any statements con-

cerning the trip. Despite the denials, however, the reported chase of the boat by a Spanish cruiser has been well authenticated, also that Three Friends returned the fire of the cruiser. Also the fact that the men in charge were afterward left on one of the keys near the southern coast of the state. The Dauntless has 2000 after the men and cargo, but has not as yet been heard from. A dispatch from Key West states that a yacht has returned to that place with a party of Cubans, believed to have been the men who were left there by the Three Friends.

The cruiser Newark has been ordered to Key West to St. John's bar and will arrive today.

It will examine the papers of all suspicious steamers that leave this port.

### A CRUISER ABROAD.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 1.—News was received here that the cruiser Raleigh left Key West under sealed orders. It is feared by Cubans that he will stop the pillaging vessels and search them to see if men are on board, or else convey them to their place of destination.

### CHAPPLLE DROPS OUT.

The Face Was Too Hot For the English Rider.

Washington, Jan. 1.—One more rider surrendered his chances for a portion of the prize money in the big six days international bicycle race at Convention hall. Chapple, the Englishman, was the latest who has proven unable to keep up the terrific pace set by the flying Dutchman, Waller, and Maddox of Asbury Park, who are now up at the head with only two laps distance in favor of the former. Chapple was in sixth place when he dropped out and as there are five cash prizes, it is considered that he did a very unsafe thing when he left the track. His withdrawal makes it almost certain that the men who are now in the first five places will occupy the same relative places when they cross the tape at the finish.

### REPORT ON STEEL PLATES.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The special board appointed by Secretary Herbert to examine a number of defective structural steel plates delivered by the Carnegie Steel company at Newport News for the battleships Kentucky and Kearsarge, has submitted its report to the navy department. The board made extensive tests of the material at the shipyards and arrived at the following conclusions: "That if the specifications be held to require the test of the plates to be made by bending the specimen longitudinally only, a large proportion of the steel complies with the specifications. If, however, a transverse bending is also required only one lot of plates—the 17½ pound plates—meet the demands."

### PARDON DENIED.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The president has denied the application for pardon in the case of Joseph H. Wilson, convicted in Illinois of embezzling national bank funds. In his indorsement the president says: "This application appeals very strongly to my sympathy and if I owed no duty to the public I would unhesitatingly yield to the pity aroused for the convict and his family, but my responsibility to the public and the care I should have for the integrity and safety of our national banks."

### AMOUNT OF CLEARINGS.

New York, Jan. 1.—The clearing house statement for the year shows exchanges, \$28,870,775; decrease, \$371,021,868; balances, \$1,792,686,480; decrease, \$163,394,533. The balances this year included \$970,055,000 legal tender certificates, \$813,160,480 legal tender and change and \$9,395,000 clearing house certificates. The banks in the association number 65, with an aggregate capital of \$60,772,700.

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## WHAT THE UNITED STATES SENATE COSTS THE TAXPAYERS.

Expense is nothing to Senators — They Charge Up \$600 Inkstands and \$400 Chairs — Landmarks Have a Snap — Demand For Desks Never Ceases.

It takes a nice little pot of money to run that exclusive club of 90 gentlemen known as the United States Senate. The steady expense account for the last year totalled up \$170,764, and the total disbursements on account of the senate were \$1,127,889.

An inspection of the annual report of the secretary of the senate shows that nothing is too good for the legislators in the upper house of congress, and under the flexible title of "contingent expenses" one may find anything from quinine pills to solid silver inkstands, from Wilton carpets to steel wheelbarrows. Cuspidors at \$6 apiece and in six dozen lots are charged far at intervals of every month or so, and single repairs on a typewriter run up as high as \$15 at a time.

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design a sterling silver inkstand for the vice president's room 1 foot 2 inches

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regular item of \$10 for winding and regulating the clocks, and a week or so before \$5 for cleaning an old eight day, wood case, hanging clock in the ladies' retiring room, which is worth probably \$2.50.

The heating and ventilating depart

ment is no slouch of a concern in the

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ed its energies together and spent \$90

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Watkins is the name of a blind man who lives on Brush street,

near Taylor. Although he is so blind he

cannot tell day from night, even though he

looks directly at the sun, it does not

interfere with his ability to travel. In

fact, Watkins does more traveling than

most other people except drummers. And, furthermore, he does the most

of it without any one to guide him.

Watkins, when he is in the city, can

be seen standing on the corners of some

of the down town streets, where he sells

notions and other small articles in order

to gain a livelihood. But he does not

stay long at a time, because he likes to

visit different places and meet different

people. He always attends the different

celebrations and fiestas, where he says

he is sure to enjoy himself.

Watkins wants to go any place

the first time, he gets some one to guide

him, if possible, but after that he can

go alone at any time he wishes. He has

been over nearly all of the roads in Cal

ifornia, and only a few months ago he

walked from this city to Los Angeles

by himself. He says he is always well

treated and finds people only too willing

to tell him what is going on.

According to Watkins' story, he is al

ways to do these remarkable things solely

by his memory and says that he can be

taken anywhere and made to turn as

many corners as desired, and that he can

find his way back without assistance.

In this respect he seems to have the

same faculty a cat is said to have

and to tell him what is going on.

"The reason I can do this," he says,

"is because I don't see a lot of things

that distract me. You could do the same

thing easily. Maybe in a mile I

would only have to remember a few

objects. It is just the same as if a man

who could see was taken through a dark

alley, but every once in awhile was

given a glimpse of his surroundings by

a light being turned on. He could re

member what he saw without any trou

ble, but if he saw a thousand other

things he could not. I know just how

many steps it is from the corner to

where I live and can walk to the place

without even using my cane. Of course

I am helped a great deal by the people

I pass, because they know I am blind

and always make room for me." —San

Francisco Call.

Strategy In the Street Car.

Snobly—I had to give up my seat in

the car to an Irish woman today, re

member what she saw without any trou

ble, but if he saw a thousand other

things he could not. I know just how

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The now moon falling between 8 and

10 a. m. in the winter time means cold

rain if the wind is from the west or

southwest, and snow if from the east.

You Can Be Well

When your blood is pure, rich and

nourishing for nerves and muscles.

The blood is the vital fluid, and when

it is poor, thin and impure you must

either suffer from some distressing

disease or you will easily fall a victim

to sudden changes, exposure, or over

work. Keep your blood pure with

Hood's Sarsaparilla and be well.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner

pill; assist digestion, cure headache, 25 cents.

Appreciation.

A Wall street banker and broker who

is well acquainted with Pierpont Mor

gan passed him a day or two ago with

the most careless sort of nod of recogni

tion and immediately afterward tipped

his hat graciously in response to the

salute of a young man who looked like a

worker.

"Mad with the doctor?" inquired a

friend.

"Not at all," was the reply.

"You didn't speak, but I noticed that

you were very polite to that young man."

"Certainly. He's one of my clerks

and will appreciate the courtesy."

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Trade His Wife For a Dog.

George Ellison, aged 40, of Mani

quette, Mich., recently left his wife and

returned to Corning, N. Y., his former

home. His brother, Curtis B. Ellison,

aged 24, was last month married to Miss

Grace Kirkendall. The two did not get

along well. George Ellison fell in love

with his brother's wife. He had a dog

his brother Curtis admired. Curtis of

fered to swap the wife for the dog. The

exchange was agreeable all around.

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Get Strength, Vigor, Clear Complexion and Good Digestion, not by Patent Medicine, but in Nature's Own Way.		The Chicago Traveling Man Wins the Election B. I. Case.	
Any honest physician will tell you that there is but one way to get increased flesh; all the patent medicines and cod liver oils to the contrary notwithstanding.		Cleveland Jan. 1.—Justice Brown rendered a decision in the case against D. R. Hanna, son of Hon. M. A. Hanna, on an election bet.	
Nature has but one way to increase flesh, strength and vigor of mind and body, and that is through the stomach by wholesome food well digested. There is no reason or common sense in any other method whatever.		Allen Armstrong, a Chicago traveling man, and Hanna bet \$250 each on the result in Ohio. The stakeholder decided that Major McKinley had over 60,000 plurality, and Armstrong, thinking he was not treated right, sued for the \$250 he put up. Justice Brown gave him judgment and charged the costs against Hanna.	
People are thin, run down, nervous, pale and shaky in their nerves, simply because their stomachs are weak. They may not think they have dyspepsia, but the fact remains that they do not eat enough food or what they eat is not quickly and properly digested as it should be.		Elected Officers.	
Dr. Harlandson says the reason is because the stomach lacks certain digestive acids and peptones, and deficient secretion of gastric juice.		Cleveland, Jan. 1.—The Modern Language Association of America adjourned to meet next year in Philadelphia. Officers were elected as follows: President, Professor A. S. Cook of Harvard; secretary, Professor J. W. Bright of Johns Hopkins; treasurer, Professor Herbert E. Green of Johns Hopkins. A committee of 12 was appointed to draw up a uniform standard in German and French for admission to colleges.	
Nature's remedy in such cases is to supply what the weak stomach lacks. There are several good preparations which will do this, but none so readily as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. Tablets which are designed especially for all stomach troubles, and which cure all digestive weakness on the common sense plan of furnishing the digestive principles which the stomach lacks.		Yale Boys at Cleveland.	
Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets give perfect digestion. First effect is to increase the appetite and increased vigor, added flesh, pure blood and strength of nerve and muscle is the per cent natural result.		Cleveland, Jan. 1.—The Yale College Glee, Banjo and Mandolin clubs gave a concert at Association hall, before an audience of 600 representative society people. After the concert, the members of the club attended a reception at the chamber of commerce, and afterward a dance was given in their honor at the beautiful residence of Mr. W. W. Andrews on Euclid avenue, which was distinctively a society event.	
Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is the safest tonic known and will cure any form of stomach trouble except cancer of the stomach. May be found at druggists at 50 cents for full sized package or direct by mail from Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich. Little book on stomach diseases mailed free.		Congress of College Fraternity.	
MONEY. MONEY. MONEY.		Cleveland, Jan. 1.—The biennial congress of the Alpha Tau Omega college fraternity listened to an address of welcome by Mayor McKisson. The response was made by Louis C. Ehle of Chicago. The usual poem, written by C. C. Pinkney of Tennessee, was read by William Henderson, Jr., of New Orleans. The delegates were entertained at the New Year's eve reception of the chamber of commerce.	
MONEY TO LOAN.		Will Visit Cleveland.	
Regardless of the hard times and the stricken in the money market everywhere, I am in a position to give you the money needed to supply good application for loans. I can get you a loan at less rate of interest and on better terms, than you can get elsewhere. When you want a loan be sure and give me a call and get my terms.		Canton, O., Jan. 1.—Saturday Major and Mrs. McKinley will leave Canton for Cleveland. In that city they will be the guests of Chairman and Mrs. M. A. Hanna for about a week. The object of the visit, it is understood here, is to consult with Mr. Hanna upon arrangements for the inaugural ceremonies, matters of future policy, cabinet and monetary conference.	
T. K. WILKINS, 9-10 Opera Block.		New Incorporations.	
LOCAL TIME CARD		Columbus, O., Jan. 1.—The Germer Oil company, McConnellsburg, capital stock \$16,000, the Western Gas Governor company, Cleveland, capital stock \$10,000; the West Manchester Rifle club, West Manchester.	
Swing time of departure of trains from the various depots at Lima, corrected June 22, 1896.		A Safe Looted.	
P. Ft. W. & C. R. R.		Cincinnati, Jan. 1.—The Ervin Lime company has made an assignment. Assets are estimated at \$40,000; liabilities, \$30,000.	
No. 4—Going East Daily..... 7:45 a.m.		Scrap Among Printers.	
" " " ex. Sunday..... 8:30 a.m.		Chicago, Jan. 1.—A running fight covering several blocks on Dearborn street occurred between union and nonunion printers. Seven men were hurt none of them seriously. A riot call was sent in and it required a squad of officers to end the fight. Four arrests were made. The trouble grew out of a strike at Donohue & Henneberry's printing establishment.	
" " " Limited..... 10:50 p.m.		A Wife Runs Away.	
" " " ex. Sunday..... 9:30 a.m.		London, Jan. 1.—A Paris dispatch says that the Princess of Chimay and Caranam and her gypsy lover have been so pestered by the crowds that they had to change their lodgings at Budapest. "Janet's wife," says the dispatch, "has decided to pay him back in his own coin, and has disappeared with a lover.	
" " " " " Limited..... 2:00 p.m.		Dime Savings Bank Saved.	
" " " " " ex. Sunday..... 7:15 p.m.		Chicago, Jan. 1.—The Dime Savings bank has been saved, it is announced, by the sacrifice of the stockholders, who have gone down in their pockets and paid an assessment of some 50 per cent. Just how soon the 90 days' notice for depositors will be withdrawn was not determined at a meeting of directors.	
C. H. & R. R.		Mrs. Burden Will Prosecute.	
" " " Going South, daily..... 2:25 a.m.		New York, Jan. 1.—Mrs. James Abram Burden, who was attacked and robbed on Fifth avenue by Joseph T. Benezich last Tuesday, was in the Yorkville police court to prosecute him. She swore to a complaint and the prisoner was held for trial.	
" " " ex. Sunday..... 3:45 a.m.		An Inspector Embarrassed.	
" " " " " ex. Sunday..... 12:45 p.m.		New York, Jan. 1.—Obadiah L. Sypert, doing business under the name of Sypert & Company, importer and dealer in furniture, lace, etc., confessed judgment for \$83,000. The liabilities are said to be \$150,000. Depression in business caused the failure.	
" " " " " ex. Sunday..... 4:00 p.m.		Foley's Honey and Tar	
" " " " " ex. Sunday..... 7:15 p.m.		Cough Syrup wherever introduced is considered the most pleasant and effective remedy for all throat and lung complaints. It is the only prominent cough medicine that contains no opiates and that can safely be given to children. H. F. Vortkamp, n. e. cor. Main and North streets.	
O. & E. R. R.		A Michigan Romance.	
" " " Going East, daily ex. Sunday..... 2:30 a.m.		An interesting story by Stanley Waterloo, also containing valuable information about the summer resorts in the north, will be mailed to any address on receipt of 4c to pay postage. Address, D. G. Edwards, Passenger Traffic Manager C. H. & R. R., Cincinnati, Ohio.	
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## STRANGERS NOW.

## FOR BETTER OR WORSE.

Some of the Quaint Old Marriage Customs and superstitions.

According to an old writer, the wedding ring was first designed by Prometheus and fashioned out of adamant and iron by Tubal Cain. The same writer says that it was "given by Adam to his son to this end, that therewith he should possess a wife." When paradise had quite receded from view men, who are always ever got into a fashio to make their vows the more binding. But in 1211 the Bishop of Salisbury effectively put his foot down on the practice. Wedding rings were made of silver or of gold and of various shapes, with posies in the middle of which

They Parted and the Pain of Went With the Parting.

—A Lima Citizen is Happy Now.

"Parting"—a word of sorrow, generally.

Exceptions, yes. Sometimes 'tis joy.

Parting with friends may be painful.

But parting with pain must be joyful.

For instance, a pain in the back,

N—'t a friend, you will say.

Ob, i—; but it sticks like one

Hard to shake off a bad back.

A back that is weak or aching.

Is really a friend in need

It is warning you of danger to come.

It's the kidneys taking trouble.

Kidneys are near the small of the back.

And if the kidneys are troubled, so is the back.

Heed the warning backache brings,

Or things more serious follow.

Urinary troubles, Diabetes, Bright's Disease.

Part with them before it is too late.

Bad back and a Lima lady

Are now strangers—they parted.

There was no sorrow or regret

when Mrs. Jane Smith, who lives at

125 Greenlaw avenue, parted with her kidney complaint. It was joy.

No wonder. Three years of almost

uninterruptable suffering ended by

the simple act of sending to the drug

store of W. H. Melville, 147 north

Main street, for Doan's Kidney Pills.

This is Mrs. Smith's experience.

For three years my back has kept

up nearly the whole time one constant dull, lingering ache.

It ached day times and frequently ached

nights. I would feel an insupportable

weariness particularly mornings,

and I was afflicted with pains from

my kidneys that seemed to penetrate

right through me. I obtained Doan's

Kidney Pills, having read of them,

and immediately I began taking

them. I found that they were correcting

the urinary trouble that had annoyed

me. I am at present very

much better of the lameness over my

kidneys and I sleep well at night.

There is not the same depressing

aching in my back that there was

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LIMA, OHIO.

The Ohio office-seekers are not troubled with modesty. Over 12,000 of them have already served notice on McKinley that they want positions.

The New York Herald, which helped Mr. McKinley to his election, thinks "an extra session of congress would be close to a positive affliction"; and "it would sandbag business and so daze our merchants that new enterprises and ventures would come to a standstill."

Three banks failed in St. Paul last Tuesday. They were: The Bank of Minnesota, the Union Stock Yards Bank, of South St. Paul, and The State Bank of St. Paul. Lack of ready money was the reason for the banks closing. This is a very good reason. That's once when Bryan was not to be blamed.

Here comes the Philadelphia Record—a "sound money" organ that deserted the Democratic party and supported Palmer and Buckner—with this astonishing statement: "If it (the gold standard) produces the same fruits between now and 1900 that it has yielded hitherto, there will be an irresistible uprising against it."

Making all allowances for exaggerated Spanish reports, the condition of the insurgents in Pinar del Rio province seems deplorable indeed. Weyler, it would appear, proposed to desolate the country and call it peace, sparing neither age nor sex, pacific nor armed insurgent. Meanwhile the question constantly presents itself: What is Gomez doing?

The Supreme Court of Missouri has decided that the section of the charter of Kansas City providing that each qualified voter who fails to vote at a general election should be taxed \$2.50, is invalid. It was a test case in which the city brought suit against a voter who had failed to vote, to recover the tax. The court in its decision very properly says: "Who can estimate the money value to the public of a vote? It is degrading to the franchise to associate it with such an idea. The ballot of the humblest of the land may mould the destiny of the nation for ages."

It is as true to-day as when written by Macaulay that "Where'er ye shed the honey, the buzzing dies with crowd." There is going to be honey shed by the Republican tariff bill, and the flies, in the shape of those who are anticipating benefits through protection are already crowding the Washington hotels preparatory to telling the Republican members of the House ways and means committee at the hearings which are to begin next week just how much interest they want on their campaign contributions.

## BUSINESS CONDITIONS SINCE ELECTION.

Dun's Review says: The failure of two important banks, the second in size of business at Chicago, and the oldest at St. Paul, with some others dependent on them, closes not favorably a month which promised to end with only moderate commercial disasters. Other important events of the week are the failure of the billet and rail pools to find a basis for agreement, and the somewhat general discharge of hands or reduction of wages in the shoe manufacture. Stocks close practically as they did a week ago. The reports of earnings are not cheering, and the aggregate for December thus far has been 4.5 per cent, less than last year and 11.4 per cent, less than in 1892, the Grainger and other western roads showing most decrease. East bound tonnage from Chicago, 193,853 against 247,245 last year, indicates a growing decrease. The closing of shops and discharge of hands in the shoe business, especially at Lynn, has been plainly foreshadowed by the weekly report, showing for some time past scarcely any new orders received. In the cotton manufacture there is further decline in some staple goods, and takings by northern spinners are disappointingly light. Print cloths accumulate and do not advance. Raw cotton comes forward just as it did in other years when official and other stories of injury ended in great crops. Sales of wool are restricted by the general conviction that prices asked by interior holders cannot be realized, and there is considerable disposition to unload speculative purchases at sea-board markets. Most manufacturers have more wool than they have orders, and others meet as yet unsatisfactory demand for goods. Sales of wool were only 2,363,000 lbs. at the three chief markets, against 5,924,300 for the same week last year. Exports of merchandise for New York were unusually large, fifty per cent larger than last year, and for three weeks have been 16 per cent, larger, while imports were 3 per cent, smaller for the week and 10 per cent, smaller for three weeks of December. Failures for three weeks ending December 17th were \$14,602,007, against \$13,301,967 last year, manufacturing \$5,577,387, against \$6,027,104 last year, and trading \$7,988,981, against \$6,925,613 last year. The heavy bank failures of the past week are as yet to be reported. Failures for the week have been 297 in the United States, against 322 last year, and 44 in Canada, against 40 last year.

The two systems of paper currency advocated in this country are directly opposed to each other. The advocates of one system declare that it is as much the business of government to issue paper money as to coin gold and silver, and that the issuing of all money, coin and paper, is the exclusive function of the government, and that it should have the profits accruing therefrom. The business of the banks should be confined to serving as depositories for money and to making loans. The opposing theory is that the government should coin the metallic money of the country, but not issue any notes; that the banks should have the right to print and send out all the paper money of the nation and get the profits from it. At the same time, however, the advocates of the bank paper money would require the government to secure the notes issued by the banks and stand behind them. Under this system the banks would get the profits from the paper money, while the government would stand the losses on it.

Sixty-two of the United States senators have held their offices over 14 years. John Sherman has served as a senator 32 years, though not consecutively. As a rule the senators who hold their seats longest come from New England.

Twenty-six states were represented at the fifth national irrigation congress at Phenix, A. T. The time is coming when this whole country, east as well as west, will understand the advantages of irrigating agricultural lands.

Those numerous members of British high society who pine for "thrills" have at last had a real one. It was an earthquake, heavy enough to shake a church steeple off its base and to scare a woman to death.

## Tornado Deductions.

Mr. Eddy, the New Jersey scientific tinker, is making a number of matters from his own experience. One of the subjects he has especially given practical attention to is tornadoes, in the limited way in which tornadoes can be studied around his own Jersey and vicinity.

After the last destructive storm on Long Island, a year or two ago, Mr. Eddy took his camera and made photographs of the ruins. He has also studied every data obtained elsewhere on the subject of these unpleasant blows.

He considers that certain fixed and final conclusions have been arrived at in regard to them. One is that if persons in the track of an approaching tornado took note of the signs of its coming, they would have ample time to escape to safety. Of course there is the funnel-shaped cloud, which is the tornado itself and which may be seen at a greater or less distance. Then there are invariably sounds peculiar to cyclones, hurricanes and tornadoes. First, there is a low, rumbling note like the mutterings of distant thunder. It increases, then changes into a sound like quick and heavy canonading, then it is upon the observer.

Next, how to escape its fury. Mr. Eddy's various photographs of tornado ruins invariably show one fact—the southwest corner of every cellar or building site is invariably swept clean and empty. The building itself is lifted from its foundation and carried off in a northeasterly direction. It may fall into the northeast corner of another cellar; it cannot fall into its own. If then, when a tornado is coming, the inhabitants of a house take refuge in the southwest corner of their cellar, they will escape uninjured.

## Congressmen's Terms.

It may be found advisable in the course of years to lengthen the terms of our representatives in congress. Elections every two years for the lower house are an expense and a trouble. A man hardly gets the hang of the house during a first term of two years, and a second one is usually given to him to permit him to show what he can do, if anything.

The joint resolution introduced into the national house by Mr. Treloar of Missouri provides that the term of representatives shall be lengthened to four years, to which there seems little objection. But Mr. Treloar's resolution also provides that a senator's service shall be for eight years instead of six and that a president shall serve eight years and be ineligible to immediately succeed himself. These propositions are debatable. So far as the senators are concerned, there is no call for it. We have,

it is true, no provision for life senators in this country, but practically it is the same. There are now in the right wing of the capitol men who, when they finish their present term, will have been in the senate 36 consecutive years. If the same political party remains in power, a senator may hold his office for life by the simple process of re-election by the legislature. If the same party does not remain in power, then he ought to be replaced by a senator in harmony with the new legislature.

The people of this country call attention respectfully, but very earnestly, to that petition which has been laid before Speaker Reed asking that a day be set apart for consideration by the house of the Nicaragua canal bill. The petition presents the unusual feature of having originated in the national house of representatives itself. The fact that it was signed by 290 Republican members and by 50 Democrats makes it in great measure a petition irrespective of party. The people of the United States want that Nicaragua canal. They consider it necessary to the proper development of the commerce of this country and to its protection from hostile forces. They want it, of course, to follow the most feasible route and to cost as little as is compatible with swift transit and solid construction. But they understand the need of it and that this need should be filled soon. There has been survey after survey of the various routes, the latest one during President Cleveland's present term. If our experts cannot by this time tell from all these surveys which is the best route, then they never will be able to tell.

After all the fuss and sensational reports the big battleship Texas has been pronounced sound, perfectly built and solid, in every respect seaworthy, and we are glad of it. The only persons interested in trying to make her out anything else were fake newspaper writers and private shipbuilders who wanted the government contracts let out to them instead of being executed in the government's navy yards. All of them ought to be sincerely ashamed of themselves.

During the year 1896 business enterprises and companies whose capital altogether amounted to over \$1,000,000,000 were taken out of the hands of assignees and receivers and restored to solvency. This is one of the signs that good times are slowly returning.

Lawyers are discussing earnestly the difference between kleptomania and stealing. It is very easy to decide. When a rich person takes things that belong to other people, it is kleptomania; when a poor person does the same, it is plain stealing.

## THE COSTLIEST THINGS.

Small Articles That Were Worth a Great Deal of Money.

A buff Leghorn pullet, exhibited at the chicken fair in Madison Square Garden, in January, 1892, was valued at \$100.

The costliest paintings of modern times have proved to be Meissonier's "1814" and Millet's "The Angelus." M. Chauchard gave \$50,000 francs (\$170,000) for "1814" and 750,000 francs (\$150,000) for "The Angelus." Mr. Henry Hilton in 1887 paid \$56,000 for Meissonier's "Friedland, 1807," and presented it to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. That was the highest price ever paid for a modern picture until "The Angelus" was sold at the Secretan sale for \$53,000 francs. Of course the sales of the two great pictures mentioned broke even this record.

The shah of Persia has a tobacco pipe worth \$400,000.

The most costly book in the world is declared to be a Hebrew Bible now in the Vatican. In the year 1512 it is said that Pope Julius II refused to sell this Hebrew Bible for its weight in gold, which would amount to \$103,000. This is the greatest price ever offered for a book.

In the year 1635 a tulip bulb was sold in Holland for \$2,200. It weighed 200 grains.

The costliest meal ever served, as far as history shows, was a supper given by Aelius Verus, one of the most lavish of all the Romans of the latter day, to a dozen guests. The cost of this supper was 6,000 sesterces, which would amount to £48,500, or nearly \$250,000. A celebrated feast given by Vitellius, a Roman emperor of those degenerate days, to his brother Lucius, cost a little over \$200,000. Suetonius says that this banquet consisted of 2,000 different dishes of fish and 7,000 different fowls, besides other courses in proportion.

Vitellius, fortunately for his exchequer, did not reign very long, else that would have been exhausted, as well as the game preserves of Libya, Spain and Britain and the waters of the Carpathian and Adriatic seas. One dish alone at the table of the Emperor Heliogabalus cost \$200,000.

The largest sum ever asked or offered for a single diamond is £430,000, which the nizam of Hyderabad agreed to give to Mr. Jacobs, the famous jeweler of Simla, for the "imperial" diamond. This is considered the finest stone in the world.

The costliest toy on record was a broken nosed wooden horse which belonged to Napoleon Bonaparte, and was sold a few years ago for 1,000 francs.

The costliest cigars ever brought to this country were a box of the brand specially made for the Prince of Wales in Havana, the manufacturer's price for which was \$1.80 apiece. Quite a popular cigar among some of the rich men in New York is a special Henry Clay which comes in a handsome box, wrapped in gold foil, and retails for \$1.40 apiece.

The largest price ever paid for a cane was bid at an auction in London of the walking sticks which were once the property of George III and George IV. It was £18, or \$30, and was given for a walking stick of ebony, with a gold top, engraved "G. R." and with a crown, and also containing the hair of the Princesses Augusta Elizabeth, Mary Sophia and Amelia, and inscribed, "The Gift of the Princess Mary 1804."

The costliest mats in the world are owned by the shah of Persia and the sultan of Turkey. The shah and the sultan each possesses a mat made of pearls and diamonds valued at over \$2,500,000. The largest mat ever made is owned by the Carlton club of London, and is a work of art.

—National Magazine.

## A Story of Forrest.

It is related of him that on the occasion of his first voyage to Europe he fell in with a number of clergymen who were going abroad for a vacation rest. The clergymen were greatly impressed with Forrest's ability and his remarkable intelligence. But a storm arose and the great actor could restrain himself no longer. He went up and down the deck, stamping and swearing and damning the sea and all those who were so foolish as to intrust themselves to its care. Finally one of the ministers undertook to rebuke Forrest for his profanity. "Well," said Forrest, "your Master took a sea voyage once, according to tradition, and when he became tired of the boat he got out and walked, and I wish I could imitate his example and do so now." After this the ministers let the tragedian alone, concluding that he was past praying for.—Syracuse Post.

## Frank Acknowledgment.

Contesting Heir—You haven't told me, Mr. Quill, how much your testator will be.

Lawyer—Oh, I never take a reinterior in a will case. I feel equally interested with the heirs, as a general thing.—Harlem Life.

## Money Box

No. 1.

Containing \$50.00, was opened at the

## COLUMBIASHOESTORE

## This Morning.

BY

Miss Louis Hoover,  
Saleslady at the Metellus Thompson Dry Goods Co.



## HOME TESTIMONIALS:

"Brazilian Balm cured me of inveterate catarrh which I had for over 20 years. It is the most wonderful triumph of medical science." Gen. J. Parkes Postles. "In croup, cold and the worst form of grippe we have found Brazilian Balm invaluable." W. S. Booth, D. D. Pastor Del. Ave. Ch. "Mrs. Lore has used the Balm and thinks it did her much good." Hon. Chas. E. Lore, Chief Justice of Del. "One bottle of Brazilian Balm cured a friend of mine of hay fever." Thos. M. Calvert. "I was very deaf for 10 years from catarrh. Brazilian Balm applied warm in my ears every day soon restored my hearing." Mrs. John Scott, Chester, Pa. "It is the best thing for dyspepsia I ever saw tried." Judge Edward Woolton.

"I was worn almost to the grave with a racking cough that all the remedies and the doctors failed to relieve. It was cured with one bottle of Brazilian Balm. It shall be my doctor through life." Mrs. J. Galloway, Pottstown, Pa. "I was fearfully crippled up with rheumatism, could not get my hand to my head. I took ten 50-cent bottles of Brazilian Balm in six months. Am now entirely cured and as nimble as I was at forty." Anson Burrell, aged 84. A lady in Cincinnati was so afflicted with asthma that during the winter for seventeen years she was unable to sleep lying down, was entirely and permanently cured with Brazilian Balm.

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The most melancholy fact in connection with Cuba is the destruction of all her industries. American citizens have many million dollars invested in Cuban sugar and tobacco plantations. The spoliation of Cuba means ruin to them. There was good reason for the statement in the president's message that "no other great power, under circumstances of similar perplexity, would have manifested the same restraint and the same patient endurance." Certainly no nation of Europe would, and that is a point British, French and German papers should make a note of when they attack Cuba.

It sounds very much like another cow-and-black-milk story, the account from Portsmouth, O., about the photographing of different articles of furniture through the bodies of two men in an office. We don't say it is not true, but we should like to see the photograph; that is all.

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AWAITING A VERDICT.

The Bice Case Went to the Jury This Afternoon.

The Bice case was closed this noon and this afternoon the jury has the case to decide whether or not John Bice is guilty of attempting to defraud the Connecticut Fire Insurance company.

James Weadock, who is assisting in the defense, made his maiden speech before a jury and is certainly to be congratulated for he made an excellent impression. Mr. Motter closed for the defense this morning and prosecuting attorney Ridemour made the final argument. The Judge then charged the jury, who, after receiving their dinner, retired to the jury room.

One thing is certain: It will not do to fool with a bad cold. No one can tell what the end will be. Pneumonia, catarrh, chronic bronchitis, if not consumption, invariably result from a neglected cold. It is surprising, too, that bad colds are so often neglected when one remembers how easily and at what little expense they may be cured. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is always prompt and effectual, and costs but a trifle; 25 or 50 cents is a trifle as compared with the disastrous effects of a neglected cold. Mr. Abner Mercer, of Oilworthtown, Chester county, Pa., in speaking of this remedy, said: "Sometime ago I had a bad cold and cough. I tried almost everything. Finally Mr. Hunt, the druggist, recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and one 50 cent bottle of it cured me entirely." For sale by Melville, the druggist, old postoffice corner; C. W. Heister, 58 public square.

Pedro Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Roush entertained a large number of their friends at their home on north Elizabeth street, last evening. Progressive Pedro and dancing afforded the amusements until a late hour, when luncheon was served. The party watched the old year out and the new year in.

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The intense itching and smarting incident to eczema, tetter, scrofula, and other diseases of the skin is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples; chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites, and chronic sore eyes. For sale by druggists at 25 cents per box.

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COURT HOUSE NEWS.

NEW SUITS.

Charles Wonderly vs. William Oldfield and Prescilla Oldfield, cognovit. Frank Ewing vs. Perry A. Bennett and Charles Bennett, cognovit.

One of the most remarkable cures of rheumatism on record is related by Mr. J. M. Thompson, postmaster at Decker's Point, Pa., as follows: "While out driving one day last winter I was caught in a cold rain. The next morning I was unable to move my head or arms, owing to an attack of inflammatory rheumatism. My clerk telephoned for a physician, but suggested that I use Chamberlain's Pain Balm, there being a bottle open on the counter. He rubbed the affected parts thoroughly with Pain Balm and built up a hot fire. I dozed off to sleep and when I awoke about half an hour later the pain had gone entirely, and I have not been troubled since. People come here from many miles around to buy Chamberlain's medicines." For sale by Melville, the druggist, old postoffice corner; C. W. Heister, 58 public square.

The Tom Thumb Wedding

Will only occupy an hour to night, so you can keep other engagements later. An elegant affair. Admission 15 cents. For children at 3 p.m. Saturday, 10 cents.

Money Box No. 1.

Containing \$50, was opened by Miss Louise Hoover, of north Elizabeth street, Lima.

WEIRD SCENES

Witnessed Last Evening By the Orientals

Seven Candidates Pass the Gates of the Princesses of the Orient at Urum Cou-

oil. The Knights of Pythias' Hall last evening was the scene of an initiation that will be remembered for at least one year, not only by those who witnessed the nervous actions of the timid candidates, but by the candidates themselves who did not see but felt.

The occasion was the annual initiation of candidates for the "Oriental," a rank supplementary to the three ranks of the order.

The goat's head had been well caloused, and after six years' rest he was in a splendid condition to do excellent service, and for several hours kept the candidates guessing what he would do next. He introduced himself to seven inquiring candidates who realized that the goat was an ubiquitous animal and not to be trifled with. The candidates who rather felt than saw the secret rites, were Prof. Pearse, O. G. Kemmer, Chas. B. Adgate, J. F. Orttwine, J. M. Davis, George Stout and Rev. R. Thomson.

After the Princess of the Orient had satisfied herself that the candidates were sufficiently enlightened they, with those who on some previous occasions had endured similar ordeals, retired to the banquet room, where an excellent feast had been prepared by caterer Bowers. A large number of the lodge members were present, together with a number of visitors from out of the city.

AMONG THE RAILROADS.

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Night Yardmaster Smith, of the L. E. & W., who was called to Tippecanoe, Ind., recently by the death of his mother-in-law, will resume his duties to-night.

Wade Hitchcock, of the C. H. & D. railroad, is receiving congratulations to-day upon the arrival of an eleven pound boy. The entire family is doing as well as could be expected.—*Troy News, Piggy Call.*

Harry Crosby, a railway man well known in this city, who is connected with a southern line, with headquarters in Neshville, Tenn., is now visiting friends in and about Ft. Wayne. For several years Harry was trainmaster of the Ft. Wayne branch of the L. E. & W. road.

The Lima Northern soliciting committee raised about \$1,500 yesterday. Reports will be made every evening until the necessary amount has been subscribed. Offers of idle men to contribute their labor are being accepted, and will be used to "patch out with"—*Adrian Times*.

John King, a gray-haired switchman of the Erie road at Salamanca, owned an eighty acre tract of land two miles up the Culpunk valley. Some years ago he sold the timber on the tract, and a year ago he would have blessed the man who would have taken the land off his hands for \$500. To day he is receiving \$250 per week royalty from its oil production. He last week surrendered his switch key and proposes now to take life easier.

Rev. W. L. Porter, of Chicago, while riding on a P. Ft. W. & C. passenger train, was injured yesterday as the train pulled out of Crestline. While walking in the aisle he stumbled over the baggage of a fellow passenger, and his head struck a seat, inflicting a diagonal wound five inches long on the forehead and laying the skull bare. Dr. Stemen, the company's physician, dressed the wound and accompanied the gentleman to Chicago.—*Fort Wayne Sentinel*

BIRDS OF ILL NATURE.

The Cruelty of Swans as Displayed Toward Other Fowls.

Among those birds which stay at home, especially the most domesticated, there is often an exhibition of unkindness seemingly unaccountable, says a writer in The Cornhill Magazine. The graceful swan, e. g., is one of the most ungracious in its ways. Not only (i. the breeding season) does a male bird resent the intrusion of a strange gentle man, but it will spend the day in driving off from its domain any unlucky fowl which might be plainly assumed to have no designs upon its domestic arrangements, and have, indeed, no desire beyond that for a comfortable wash and swim. It will also pursue even the most innocent of newborn ducklings while they unwittingly rejoice in an early taste of their common element.

When an only child has passed out of the cygnet stage of life and grown to full physical if not mental maturity, father and mother swans have been known to fall upon and deliberately beat it to death with wing and beak. The gratified parents swam gracefully about the mere in which they lived, while the great white corps of their son lay, battered and dead, upon the shore. The following year, after another had been born to them and in infancy, carried upon his mother's back, they began to treat him so roughly that, not being pinioned like them, he wisely flew away and we saw him no more. Curiously enough, geese which have experienced rudeness from swans in the lusty spring have been known to retaliate in the calmer autumn, when the fierceness of their enemy had become mitigated. I have seen a gander leap upon the back of a once arrogant swan and pound away at it in the full enjoyment of gratified revenge.—*San Francisco Chronicle*

THE NEW YEAR.

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sandwiches, macaroons, candies and bananas, was served, after which the presents were distributed.

The children attending the Kindergarten are:

Kenneth Meaffey, Herbert Baxter, Duncan Mac Donell, Nora Sprague, Helen Baxter, Calvin Selfridge, Ruth Stueber, Edward Sprague, Roger Boose, Jeanette Melville, Marguerite Warner, Edna Bell, Gertrude Brice, Mary Thomas, Willard Ohler, Harry Agerter, Karl Kiplinger and Ralph Wheeler.

Mr and Mrs Carson Daizell entertained the High Five Club last evening. The pasteboards held the attention of all until a late hour, when a delicious supper was served.

The Y. M. C. A. reception to day is to be one of unusual interest, the afternoon being given over to gentlemen, and this evening to ladies and gentlemen. Good music and light refreshments will be provided for all.

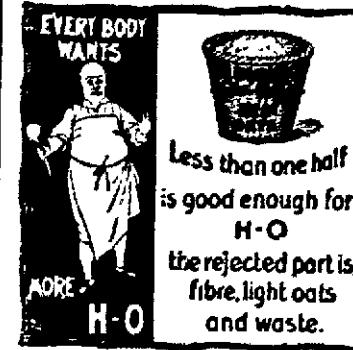
Miss Helen Coss, of west Market street, last evening received a few of her friends who watched the year of '96 pass into history to give place to the year '97. The old year was given a happy adieu and the new year was most heartily welcomed.

The jolly party amused themselves in taking an active part in an auction in which Thorn Mitchell was the "cryer." He thoroughly demonstrated to all present that he had certainly missed his calling. In a dimly-lighted room weird ghost stories were related until the boys, fearing the appearance of evil spirits, withdrew to where they could not be seen.

A delicate luncheon was served, after which the party assisted in the welcoming of the new year. A delightful time was enjoyed by everyone. The guests left at an "early" hour, wishing their hostess a happy new year.

Miss Ammerman entertained in a very delightful manner a number of her girl friends Wednesday evening. A delicious lunch was served, and the guests departed at a late hour, wishing Miss Ammerman a happy New Year.

Kremls, Mercer County, Pa. We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be the best remedy in use. We use it in our two families, and it is a favorite among our customers. HECRE Bros. & Co., 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Melville, the druggist, old postoffice corner; C. W. Heister, 58 public square.



THE CZARINA'S EDUCATION.

It Was More Thorough than That of Our Girls.

Henri Conti who for several years was the present czarina's instructor in French literature, has written a charming account of her childhood and early womanhood. Her bringing up strongly reflected the sentiments and principles of her grandmother, the good Queen Victoria. The Grand Duchess Alice, in writing to the queen, once said, as to the education of her children:

"I strive to bring them up totally free from pride of their position, which is nothing save what their personal worth can make it. I feel so entirely as you do on the difference of rank and how all important it is for princes and princesses to know that they are nothing better or above others save through their own merit, and that they have only the double duty of living for others and of being an example—good and modest."

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The complimentary speeches were made, and the Englishman rose.

There was great applause, and while it went on the waiters were observed taking around small pasteboard boxes to all the guests at the table.

These were opened at once and were found to contain small bits of

cardboard on which were printed letter H's.

"Gentlemen," said the Englishman as the company became silent, "before I begin let me say that I drop a lot of the letters you have before you. Please pick them up and use them as your discretion suggests."

The hint for this ingenious bit of

humor, which was greeted with a

new and rapturous round of ap-

plause, was undoubtedly derived

from Lord Timothy Dexter's fa-

mous page of punctuation marks at

the end of his book, with which the reader was invited to "pepper and salt to his liking." —*Youth's Companion*

At Oversight.

The girl was just out of a convent and had never been in a theater in all her life before. As the curtain rose her escort handed her a pair of opera glasses. The girl looked at them for a moment. Then she handed them to her dainty nose, sniffing at first one side and then the other.

"Why," she said, as she handed the lorgnette back to her companion, "you ain't got any salts in them."

—*Washington Post*.

Hanna's Pineapple Patch.

According to a correspondent of the Washington Star, Marcus A. Hanna owns a little pineapple patch in Dade county, Fla., which he loves to visit. "Mr. Hanna," he says, "was boarding at Palm Beach, where the hotels charge \$6 a day during three months of the year and \$4 a week during the other nine. Well, Mr. Hanna was boarding there during the \$6 a day season. The germ of the pineapple contagion entered his blood, and he bought an acre of pine land from Representative Linton of Michigan, who owns a big tract of muck and pine lands along the Biscayne Bay canal. Mr. Hanna's acre lies between the Atlantic and the Everglades, 300 miles south of Jacksonville. Uncle Moses Hawkins tends it and sends a monthly crop report to Mr. Hanna. Uncle Moses told the writer that he would rather grab an acre of hummock land with the sun at meridian and the mosquitoes in full bloom than to write out 'dat' port Marque Hammer."

Thermometers.

At times of severe frost many persons not skilled in the use of thermometers report remarkably low temperatures. These are often due to the thermometric liquid having partly evaporated from the main column and condensed at the end of the tube farthest from the bulb, the thermometer then reading just as many degrees too low as there are degrees of spirit at the top of the tube. Good thermometers are just as liable to this error as common ones, and therefore every one using a spirit minimum thermometer must be on the alert. Generally the owner can restore the thermometer without sending it back to the maker. Grasp the thermometer firmly, resting a finger on the tube so that there be no vibration, and, holding the bulb downward, give several strong, pendulous swirls. This will usually send the spirits from the top and send the index into the bulb. Stand the thermometer bulb downward for an hour, then reverse it and very gently shake the index out of the bulb and let it slide to the end of the column, when the thermometer will be as good as new.—*New York Ledger*.

RING OUT THE OLD!

The King is Dead.  
Farewell 1896.

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MAMMOTH STORE

RING IN THE NEW!

Long Live the King.  
Welcome 1897.

THE NEW YEAR

IS WITH US AND HEARTY, CORDIAL

GREETING!

Is herewith extended to the citizens of Lima and vicinity, wishing everyone much happiness and prosperity during the new year and the many which are to follow.

TO OUR PATRONS: We acknowledge sincere gratitude for the constant and liberal encouragement so liberally bestowed.

In Future as in the Past,  
We Will Do Our Best,  
And Leave the Rest.

Be sure and take advantage of the great special sale now going on. Every dollar's worth of merchandise that was slightly damaged by our unfortunate fire, Thursday evening, Dec. 24, 1896, by smoke and water, MUST be sold at once, and you reap the benefit of the loss.

We Remain Clothingly Yours,

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## A GREAT REMEDY

Is Offered You at a Small Price, and Relief Guaranteed in Every Case.

If you positively knew and were thoroughly convinced that you could buy one remedy that could replace all the old sticky, greasy liniments, paraffin, Bateman's drops, Jamaica ginger, camphor, Gudfrey's cordial, and such like, we believe you would gladly pay two or three dollars for a bottle. Well, such a remedy has been discovered, but it only costs 25¢ a bottle. Lightning Hot Drops is the sovereign remedy for all kinds of pains, external and internal, rheumatism and neuralgia, cramps, cholera morbus, diarrhoea, summer complaint, wind on the stomach, indigestion and all like ailments, and we tell you upon our honor that Lightning Hot Drops will give instant relief in all such afflictions when used as directed. It is important that the directions be carefully observed and a cure will quickly follow, and so sure are we that this is true that your druggist will give your money back if you get no relief. Now if Lightning Hot Drops didn't do as stated, we could not afford to sell it on such very liberal terms. We know that Lightning Hot Drops is a great medicine for all forms of painful affections. Lightning Hot Drops is all right in every respect and will do just as we say; but if it should fail to give you relief go back to your druggist and get your money. Be sure to go by direction and relief will follow. If you don't need it to-day get a bottle anyway, as it is a good thing to have in the house, in the shop, in the office, on the work-bench, or in the grip. It is splendid for change of water. If one of your personal friends were to tell you all we have said, you, no doubt, would get a bottle at once. Now, let us be that friend, for we tell you in dead earnest that every word we have said is true—absolutely true. We are honest and sincere in our statements. Lightning Hot Drops is prepared only by us and no honest druggist will try to get you to take something else, and don't you let him do it. Herb Medicine Co., Springfield, O.

Yes, 'tis true:  
Foley's Honey and Tar  
Is the best Cough Medicine.  
H. F. Vortkamp, n. e. cor. Main and North streets.

Fly Feet.  
The means by which a fly can creep up a pane of glass or walk on a ceiling have long been the subject of contention among scientists, some claiming that the fly foot is a sucker, others that adhesion is effected by the aid of a viscous fluid exuding from the foot, and others again that the fly walks by means of a ciliary apparatus which answers the purpose of a hook.

Was This an Omen?  
A young couple visited the town clerk's office in Caribou, Me., one evening recently for the purpose of getting married. The clerk was out, and while they were waiting his arrival the 4-year-old adopted daughter of the official seated herself in front of the couple and entertained them by saying, "Needies and pins; when a man marries, his trouble begins."—Boston Herald.

A Good Invention.  
Invalids are now given a bath without the necessity of removing them from the bed. The device consists of a canvas sheet fastened loosely to a frame over the bed, in which the patient is placed. The center, being lower than the edges, it holds all the water necessary for the bath.

Mother Almost Worn Out. Hand's Colic Cure Gave Instant Relief.  
BELL BROOK, O., March 26, '96.—Dr. Hand—"I received your sample bottle of Colic Cure and was never so glad in my life. My baby had the wind colic ever since she was born and I was almost worn out. I gave her a dose without my husband's knowledge and it gave her instant relief, and she has not been the least trouble since I gave her the first dose. I would not be without it for anything. I will recommend your Colic Cure to every mother. Mrs. J. C. Wade." Sold by all druggists, 25¢

## Had Catarrh 36 Years.

Josiah Bacon, conductor on the P. W. & B. R. R., says: "I had suffered with catarrh for 36 years and regarded my case as hopeless. One day I saw the testimonial of Geo. H. Hearn in a Brazilian Balm circular. Hearn was the engineer on my train and I knew his case was desperate. I talked with Hearn and his cure gave me hope. I began the use of the Balm at once. There was not much change for the first two months but then I began to improve and in six months, to my inexpressible satisfaction, I was entirely cured."

S. F. Fritz, of 677 Sedgwick street, Chicago, says: "I had a severe cough which settled on my lungs. I tried a number of advertised remedies and also placed myself under treatment of several physicians, with no benefit. I was recommended to try Foley's Honey and Tar. With little expectation of getting relief, I purchased a bottle. I had taken but few doses when I felt greatly improved; I was enabled to sleep, spitting of blood ceased, and by the time I had taken the second bottle I was entirely well. It saved my life." H. F. Vortkamp, n. e. cor. Main and North streets.

## ON THE CLERMONT.

## INCIDENTS OF THE FIRST VOYAGE OF FULTON'S STEAMBOAT.

A Group of Women Who Made the Historic Trip. How the Engagement of the Inventor Was Announced. Predictions Made by Chancellor Livingston.

Helen Everison Smith, in The Century, has a paper on "A Group of American Girls Early in the Century," which gives pleasant glimpses of chance for Livingston and Robert Fulton. The chancellor invited several of his fair cronies to make a trip from New York to his home at Clermont in a new boat. Miss Smith says:

The "new boat" of the letter was the now celebrated Clermont, the steamboat of Robert Fulton, which in August, 1807, made the first successful steam voyage up the astonished Hudson and demonstrated to the world that a new force had been discovered by which old methods in nearly all lines were to be revolutionized.

Very likely, with all their loving confidence in the wisdom of the chancellor, the sisters embarked with some distrust of his new boat's making good its promise to get them home in less than three days, even if both wind and tide should prove unfavorable, but they were not afraid of anything worse than delay, though most of their friends feared for them. During the nine years that had passed since "Robert R. Livingston and Robert Fulton had first secured the concession to navigate the waters in New York state for 20 years, providing they should build a boat of not less than 20 tons, that would go not less than four miles an hour against wind and tide," the subject had been so often talked over in their presence that the sisters were already quite intelligent upon it and laughed at the fears of their timorous friends.

The embarkation was from a dock "near the state prison" (which was in "Greenwich village," on the North river) and was witnessed by a crowd of "not less than 500 persons." Many were friends of the passengers, who bade them farewell with as much solicitude as if they were going to Madagascar, especially trembling with apprehension at the "terrible risk run by sailing in a boat full of fire."

The adventurous voyagers, who were the guests of Robert Fulton and Chancellor Livingston, were about 40 in number, including but a few ladies. Among the latter, besides our two young sisters and their aunt, Mrs. Thomas Morris (daughter-in-law of Robert Morris, the financier of the Revolution), were at least one of the chancellor's two daughters, four of the many daughters of his brothers, John R. and Colonel Harry, and young lady who was more interested in the result of this memorable experiment than any one save the inventor himself. In all the biographies of Fulton Miss Harriet Livingston is called the chancellor's niece, but she was really his cousin. She was a beautiful, graceful and accomplished woman and had long given her heart to Robert Fulton. The fair Harriet was at this time about two and twenty and "deeply in love with her handsome, gifted lover as any girl could be." There were many dashing and fine looking men on board the Clermont, but my grandmother always described Robert Fulton as surpassing them all. "That son of a Pennsylvania farmer," she was wont to say, "was really a prince among men. He was as modest as he was great and as handsome as he was modest. His eyes were glorious with love and genius."

A little before reaching Clermont, when the success of the voyage was well assured, the bethrothal was announced by the chancellor in a graceful speech, the course of which he prophesied that the "name of the inventor would descend to posterity as that of a benefactor to the world, and that it was not impossible that before the close of the present century vessels might even be able to make the voyage to Europe without other motive power than steam."

This hardy prediction was received with but moderate approval by any, while smiles of incredulity were exchanged between those who were placed that they could not be seen by the speculator or the inventor. John R. was heard to say in an aside to his cousin, John Swift Livingston, that "Bob had many a bee in his bonnet before now, but this steam folly would prove the worst one yet." But the chancellor's brothers lived to see the ocean regularly traversed by steam vessels, but the prophet himself and the inventor both passed away before the realization of their dreams.

## The Sleeping Disease.

On the western coast of Africa they have a singular and always fatal malady which is known as the sleeping disease, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch. The person attacked by it is seized with a sensation of drowsiness, which continues to increase in spite of the efforts made to throw it off. Finally the patient sinks into a profound sleep, which continues for about three weeks, or until death ensues. The most curious feature of the disease is that, aside from the drowsiness, the patient seems much as usual. The pulse, respiration and temperature are normal, while he may be easily aroused and will take nourishment and answer questions in a perfectly natural manner.

## Fittery Bad.

"Yes," spoke they of the one who had gone, "he was utterly and hopelessly bad. His wickedness might have been forgiven had it been accompanied by any redeeming trait, but he had none. He couldn't even tell a funny story."—Indianapolis Journal.

The white carnation is regarded in England as an emblem of disdain. This idea was probably suggested by the upright habit of the flower, which nods and waves haughtily in the breeze.

## AN EVENING QUEST.

An angel came at close of day  
From places far and near,  
His garments blue and long and gray  
Asaphite of the hills, his lab stone  
From the hills of the ocean  
And peace and quiet, to all the grown,  
Were in his kindly eyes.

His coming brought the earth home  
From red rocks to rest,  
A curlew skimming o'er the foam  
Bled hawthorn to her nest,  
By brook and ditch each cup and bell  
Shut softly in the damp  
Save where a prairie sentinel  
Blew out its yellow lamp.

How little children work with play  
Was the only way and the best,  
And little was the living day  
Brought heavily to rest,  
Then home again, with glad content,  
The sun straight up,  
For the sun should never rest  
To part the world to to.

—Old Merton in Tennyson's Companion

## BY TELEPHONE.

Jennie Bartlett's father and mother had been suddenly called away for the night to Graysford, where Mrs. Bartlett's sister was lying seriously ill, and Jennie was left to keep the tollgate alone. It was not a difficult task, for scarcely any one traveled over the Barrington road after 9 o'clock, and those who did passed through the open gate without paying toll.

But even if the task had been harder, Jennie would have been equal to it. She had lived at the tollgate ever since she was a baby, and knew perfectly well what to charge and how to give the proper change—indeed she often took toll for her father when he was at home, and people passing through would wonder how so bright and pretty a girl could grow up in so lonesome a place.

Jennie, however, did not mind the lonesomeness. Her dearest wish was to go to a boarding school, but as long as she was at home it mattered little to her that Barrington was three miles off on the one hand and Weyester ten miles on the other, and that there was scarcely a house between. She even liked the solitude, and was almost sorry when the telephone connecting Barrington with Weyester made a connection by the way with the tollgate.

Before that they seemed to be out of the world, and the people coming through the gate were like visitors from another sphere. Now the frequent ringing of the call bell reminded her that civilization was not so far distant after all. On this particular night there was not liable to be even the usual number of passersby. Looking out of the door about 9 o'clock, Jennie could hardly see more than 100 feet either up or down the road. It would be a bad night, she thought, for the gate to swing shut. Anybody coming alone might run into it without warning. For that matter, people might run into the posts on either side. So she hung a lantern on one post to prevent this accident, and, going into the house, locked the door and went to bed. The fact that she was alone in the house did not disturb her in the least, and in a minute or two she was fast asleep.

Some time in the night she was suddenly awakened by the ringing of the telephone bell. She listened confusedly to hear if it would ring three times, which was the tollgate signal. If it rang often, it was to call up some of the other people on the same wire. Two of the connections she knew were in Weyester, the third and fourth were in the Barrington bank, the fifth in the tannery and the sixth in the central office at Barrington. In the bewilderment Jennie could not determine at first how many times the bell did ring, but at last she decided it was six—the call for the Barrington central office. That did not mean the tollgate, of course, and Jennie prepared to turn over for another nap when a sudden thought aroused her.

It was certainly after midnight, and the central office did not keep open later than 12 o'clock. The bank, too, was shut up, and so was the tannery—on the whole line she was probably the only person who could hear the bell. What if it should be something important? Indeed it would hardly ring at that time of night unless it were important.

Quickly jumping out of bed, she ran to the instrument, put the receiver to her ear, and called through the transmitter: "Hello! hello!" A voice came back to her, so distinct that it seemed almost in the same room, saying:

"Hello! Is that the central office?" The tone was quick and sharp, and Jennie felt sure that something must have happened.

"No, sir," she called. "It's the tollgate. I'm Jennie Bartlett."

"Tell your father to come here immediately," the voice said. "It's very important."

Jennie felt a sinking at her heart. "Father's away," she said, "and I'm here alone."

She heard the voice exclaim something in an impatient tone, and then the sound of two or three people talking, as though there was some doubt as to what could be done.

"Oh, come on!" exclaimed the companion. "Don't let us waste

"Can I do anything?" she inquired, almost hoping that she could not. Another conversation followed, which Jennie overheard; the speakers were no doubt nearer the telephone.

"Why do you want to let them get into Barrington at all?" the voice asked. "Why not stop them at the tollgate?"

"To be sure," said another. "If they get past the gate as likely as not they'll turn down the Riverton road, and get Allen off the track. They can't turn off before they reach the gate. We are sure of them as far as that."

"Tell the girl!"—And Jennie caught only a confusion of sounds.

Presently she heard another "Hello!"

"Hello!" she responded.

"The Weyester bank has been robbed," the voice went on hurriedly, "by two men who are in a spring cart, drawn by a white horse. They have driven toward Barrington, with Mr. Allen and two constables in pursuit, but the thieves have half an hour's start. You must—"

Here the voices stopped suddenly and completely. Even the hum of electricity was cut off. It was in vain that she rang the bell and called "Hello!" No one answered. Jennie felt once more the old sense that she was out of the world. Weyester seemed all at once hundreds of miles away. But what was it that she must do? Why had not the connection lasted a minute longer, when her instructions would have been complete? When were the robbers expected?

Jennie made a little calculation.

If there had been some 30 minutes before any one started in pursuit, that would carry them, by fast driving, half way to the tollgate. If ten minutes had gone by before the telephone bell had rung, she might expect them within half an hour.

What was she to do?

The conversation which she had overheard came to her mind. "Stop them at the tollgate," one of the voices had said.

Very likely they would have told her what to do if the telephone had kept on. But how could a little girl arrest two armed and desperate men?

By this time she began to feel bewildered. She could not go to bed with this responsibility upon her, even though she did not know how to meet it; so, dressing herself, she opened the front door and looked and listened.

The night was darker than ever.

A little since about the gate was lit up by the warning lantern. It would not help in stopping burglars, she suddenly thought, to illuminate their way; so, going over to the light, she blew it out, leaving the road in total darkness. That was at least one step toward the desired end.

All at once she thought of the gate.

"How stupid of me!" she said to herself. "Why didn't I think of that before?"

The gate was fastened back against the front of the house, but in a moment she had unhooked it and swung it round, until it stretched completely across the road. There was only a latch upon it, and going into the house she brought from one place a padlock and another a chain, with which she fastened the gate so securely that no ordinary strength could force it open.

"They can't get through that," she said to herself, "and there isn't any way of getting round it."

Then she went into the house, locked and bolted the door, pushed a heavy chest of drawers against it, fastened all the windows, pulled down the blinds and waited in the dark for the sound of wheels.

It was not long before the sound came, but to Jennie every minute seemed an hour, while every rustling leaf outside sounded like a man's stealthy tread. When at last she heard the robbers coming, far up the road, her heart stood still.

Nearer and nearer they came. Would they see the gate? she wondered.

The horse kept on; there was a sudden exclamation outside, a crash as though something had come into collision with the gate, the sound of splintering wood, and the noise of a plunging horse. Jennie did not venture to move. She dared not go to the window, but sat in the middle of the room, shaking with fear and listening for what would happen next. Presently steps sounded on the pavement outside, and in a moment there was a tap at the door.

Jennie remained perfectly quiet though her heart beat so loud that she thought they must hear it outside. In a moment the knocking ceased.

"Folks asleep," she could hear one of the men say.

"Asleep or dead or run away?" he other man growled.

"Shall we try the window?"

"Yes."

Jennie trembled all over, but the ash, when tried, held firm.

"Oh, come on!" exclaimed the companion. "Don't let us waste

"May I inquire what for?"

"I'm a reporter," I said, laying down my pencil, for it occurred to me that he might not know of all our modern inventions. "It is true that I am at home temporarily out of a job, but I should like to work up a special article if you don't mind, of an interview with you."

The ghost looked puzzled and a little alarmed, yet not altogether displeased. He uncrossed his legs and sat up straight, preening himself, as a man of fashion does smoothing his hair and putting his hand to his cravat. And when I looked at him again he was no longer dressed in his tattered clothes, but in the most picturesque old velvet suit, embroidered in white, with knee breeches, silk stockings on his well turned legs and a powdered wig.

The change did not surprise me, though I was a little amazed to find so much vanity still residing in one who could hardly expect our *fin de siecle* to take him seriously, at least by daylight. I made a note, however, of his distinguished appearance, for I have noticed in my profession that that is the most important part of an interview, as far as the person interviewed is concerned. Then I came to my leading question:

"Will you please tell the readers of the — (I will fill in the name when I have sold the article) why you do not rest in your grave, but haunt?"

"Sir!" he shouted indignantly. "You have no right to ask such a question. It is no affair of yours."

"Mr. Symonds," I answered respectfully, but with dignity, "I am not asking this to satisfy my own curiosity. For me it suffices that you do haunt and do come here at an hour which for any one not in your condition of life, or—or—or death, would be unseemly. It is solely in my professional capacity as reporter, to satisfy the craving for information of the great American people, as exemplified in the readers of the — whatever paper buys my story—that I ask you this question."

"It is nevertheless a question no gentleman would ask," he answered hotly.

Still preserving my calm, in spite of his language, I replied, "Mr. Symonds, in the celebrated divorce trial, in which you were counsel for the plaintiff, you asked infinitely more impudent questions in the discharge of your duties than I am now asked in the discharge of mine."

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 Over Gaiters,  
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**ABOUT PEOPLE**

Who They Are, Where They Have  
 Been, and Are Going.

Miss Autschul is visiting friends at Findlay.

Miss Pearl Grafton is visiting relatives at Findlay.

Miss Weatherell is the guest of friends in Findlay.

Bob Gordon, of Buckland, was in the city this morning.

J. Frank Miller attended the dance at Findlay last evening.

Charles Seldom is spending the day with friends at Van Wert.

Miss Alice O'Neil was the guest of friends in Van Wert last night.

Mrs. Hulbert, of east Market street, is visiting her sister in Chicago.

Conductor John P. Jackson, of the Lake Erie, is spending the day at Ada.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jewett, of Toledo, are the guests of Dwight Ginter.

John Kurtz, of Mattoon, Ill., is visiting Mrs. Thompson, of west North street.

Miss Daisy Wise went to Dayton this morning to spend New Years Day with relatives.

Mrs. Dell Bachtel, of Lafayette, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Daniels, of north Pine street.

Miss Biddle, who has been visiting Miss Thomas, of west Market street, has returned to her home at Findlay.

Misses Margaret Connor and Mayme Nolan, of Ft. Wayne, are the guests of Miss Eva Daly, north West street.

Superintendent Bair, of the Children's Home, and family left this morning to spend the day at Lafayette.

Mrs. Mary Fessenden, of Springfield, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Durnbaugh, of south Main street.

Conductor and Mrs. Richard Peck, of south Elizabeth street, went to Wapakoneta this morning to spend the day with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Robbins, who have been visiting his brother Richard M. Robbins and wife, of north Jefferson street, returned to their home at Jackson, Mich., last night.

Misses Margaret and Trix I. Charey, who have been the guests of their sister, Mrs. Thos. McNeff, of north Jackson street, returned to their home at Hagerman to-day.

Mrs. Albert P. Connell, whose husband was buried here Wednesday, was called to Norwalk yesterday by the critical illness of her mother, Mrs. Lavey, who is not expected to recover.

**TALES OF THE TOWN.**

The marriage of Mr. A. F. Vortkamp, of this city, and Miss Clara Cahill, of Cincinnati, has been announced, and will take place on Jan 12th.

To-day was the feast of the circumcision of our Lord. Masses were celebrated at St. Rose church at 8 and 9 o'clock. Benediction and devotional exercises this evening at 7 o'clock.

The fire department this afternoon was called to extinguish a small fire in the residence of T. F. Seward, on north Elizabeth street. The fire caught from a defective flue. But little damage was done.

Miss Ida Umbaugh, a teacher in the C primary grade, o. the Grand avenue building, has resigned on account of ill health. Miss Margaret Holdridge has been assigned to her room and Miss Catherine Downey will take charge of the B primary room in the C-ree avenue building.

**THE "HIGH SIGN"**

Was Given Prof. Frey at Nine o'clock Last Night

**AT THE TRAINMEN'S DANCE.**

How the Old Year Was ushered Out and the New One Was Welcomed—The Bachelors' Last Chance at the German Hall.

The departure of the last hours of the eventful year of '96 and the arrival of the infant '97 was not an event to escape unobserved in Lima last night. Few were the young people who were not awake to hear the midnight sounding of steam whistles and the clanging of bells when the New Year was welcomed. Many parties and watch meetings were held, but the most important of the local events were the seventh annual ball given at Music hall by Lima Lodge No 200 Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and the dance of the Bachelors' club at the German hall.

**AT MUSIC HALL**

The scene in Music hall was indeed the signal of a grand event, and the Trainmen's ball was justly pronounced one of the most successful public dances ever given in the city. The attendance was exceedingly large and the crowd unusually gay and joyous. The decorations were magnificent. The stage was banked with flowers and palms, and decorated with emblems of the order, lighted signal lamps and bunting, while around the entire front of the balcony, red, white, and green lamps were hung in great numbers.

**THE "HIGH SIGN"**

was given Prof. Frey and his splendid orchestra at 9 o'clock, and the grand march began. The march was led by C. J. Sweeney, of the C. H. & D., and Mrs. O. E. Robinson, of the South Side, assisted by Master Brakeman Dennis Goonen, of the B. of R. T., and Miss May Morrissey. The march was very pretty, and was followed by a programme of twenty-four popular dances, entitled as follows:

Quadrille, To the Switchmen; waltz, Get a Chair; schottische, B. of L. E.; lancers, Cut 'Em All Off; waltz (ladies' choice) Fly Stop; polka, Flag Jeff Cook; The Bye Dance, Kick 'Em Into Clear; quadrille, To B. of L. E.; waltz, Doubling Findlay Hill; Oxford Minuet, Take Water; two-step, With Your Best Girl, Intermission. Waltz To Our Superintendents; lancers, Down Leipzig Hill; quadrille, To Boys on the Road; society, The Lima, To Our Dispatchers; schottische, To O. R. C.; quadrille, No Running Switch; Newport, Making Up Time; waltz, To Our Trainmasters; two-step, Close Time; quadrille, To Our Citizens; the waltz circle, To Our Yardmasters; waltz, Home, Sweet Home, A Happy New Year.

**THE LADIES' AUXILIARY**

to the B. of B. T. was an important factor to the success of the affair. At intermission the members of this organization served an excellent supper in the ladies' reception room adjoining the dance hall. To the various committees of the Trainmen's lodge is also due much credit for their untiring efforts in making the affair a complete success and thoroughly enjoyable for the patrons. These committees consisted of the following gentlemen:

Arrangement—M. Frederic, J. A. Crowley, C. H. Zellers, Door C. E. Myton, John Frost, C. H. Campbell, Bert Cupp Reception—John Sweeney, Oscar Love, David Wooden, C. F. Heider, J. B. Waltz, J. Welsh, W. Q. Morris, Charles Grosvenor, E. J. Shanks, F. M. Redding, J. E. Purcell, C. H. Davis.

Floor—J. E. Galerneau, Chief; Jas. Kelly, C. Hollis, C. L. Warner, D. F. Goonen, J. Connors, C. J. Sweeney, John Clifford, J. Harbort.

**THE BACHELORS' CLUB.**

The lady friends of the gentlemen of the Bachelors' Club gave a very delightful affair at the German hall. A programme of eighteen dances was arranged, and greatly enjoyed by the thirty couples present. The affair was novel one, inasmuch as it was conducted as a leap year dance until after the clock tolled the hour of midnight and announced the arrival of the new year. The first nine dances of the programme were engaged by the ladies, and the fair ones also escorted the bashful bachelors to an elaborate supper, which was served at 11 o'clock and consisted of the following:

**MENU:**

Celery, Escaloped Oysters, Olives, Pickles, Celery, Fruity Jellies, Ice Cream, Salted Almonds, Angel Food, Coffee.

The programme of dances was again resumed and the girls were again the same shy creatures they were before leap year, and the gentlemen of the club who had not received a proposal before midnight concluded that they would always remain members of the club in good standing.

The committees consisted of the following ladies:

Reception—Miss Amanda Becker, Miss Mollie Baxter and Mrs. Bowler. Floor—Miss Pearl Faze and Mrs. Ed Bechler.

**THE NEW YEAR.**

Its Arrival Heralded with Many Gay Festivities.

**WATCH PARTIES NUMEROUS**

Miss Inez Lowe Entertains a Merry Party—Mr. and Mrs. Lovins Celebrate Their China Wedding—Other Society News.

Miss Inez Lowe entertained the following young people last evening: Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Brotherton, Misses Blanche Neuman, Gertrude Finley, Bessie Reichelderfer, Grace Orchard, Bertha Lee, Anna Burton, Carrie Cross, Ethel Rockhill, Nellie Leete, Harriet McCoy, Nettie Shreve and the Misses Moore. The fortunate young gentlemen in attendance were: Messrs. Chas and Joe Hover, Earl Bressler, Ortie Clutter, Roy Banta, Houston Spyker, Warren Meilly, Bert Myers, Harry Ashton, Walter Morris, Walter Campbell, Fred Meilly, Lou Stephens and Piereson Keys. Pedro was the fascinating game, which claimed their attention until late, the head prizes being a cut glass vase, won by Miss Nellie Leete, and a bunch of roses, won by Warren Meilly. Dancing and music helped to chase away the last hours of the old year and welcome in the new.

1896. Ma and Mrs. Lovins Christmas Wedding, Thursday Evening, December, Thirty-first, at Seven Thirty o'clock, 511 south Elizabeth street, Lima, Ohio. E. S. V. No Presents

The above invitations were accepted by about forty friends last evening, who were well repaid for venturing out on such an unpleasant evening, for they were royally entertained the entire evening.

The house was lavishly decorated with fragrant carnations and festoons of smilax and ferns, under the direction of Swan. A short musical programme was much enjoyed by all, and was as follows:

Quadrille, To the Switchmen; waltz, Get a Chair; schottische, B. of L. E.; lancers, Cut 'Em All Off; waltz (ladies' choice) Fly Stop; polka, Flag Jeff Cook; The Bye Dance, Kick 'Em Into Clear; quadrille, To B. of L. E.; waltz, Doubling Findlay Hill; Oxford Minuet, Take Water; two-step, With Your Best Girl, Intermission. Waltz To Our Superintendents; lancers, Down Leipzig Hill; quadrille, To Boys on the Road; society, The Lima, To Our Dispatchers; schottische, To O. R. C.; quadrille, No Running Switch; Newport, Making Up Time; waltz, To Our Trainmasters; two-step, Close Time; quadrille, To Our Citizens; the waltz circle, To Our Yardmasters; waltz, Home, Sweet Home, A Happy New Year.

After this a laughable mock wedding ceremony was performed.

A number of beautiful presents of rare china were made, among them a complete dinner set of decorated china.

Dainty refreshments were

Ice Cream, Lady Fingers, Oranges, Malign Grapes, Bananas.

The Bay View Club was entertained Monday evening by Mrs. Emerson Price. All were in quaint old Quaker costumes and used "thee" and "thou" until they forgot themselves and used modern new woman's talk. The amusement of the evening after the lesson was a game played with alphabet cards, prizes being awarded to winners.

Miss Olive Thomas received about one hundred and fifty ladies yesterday at three o'clock. Buds and roses predominated, with a sprinkling of society matrons to give dignity to the affair. All wore their holiday dresses, which were in keeping with the decorations of Christmas tide—holly and mistletoe.

The delicious menu was:

Cold Ham, Escaloped Oysters, Olives, Pickles, Celery, Fruity Jellies, Ice Cream, Coffee.

The Bay View Club will meet with Mrs. Hay, of east Main street, next Tuesday evening.

The Lima Club House has been transformed into a perfect bower under the hands of Florist Swan and will be the mecca for the society ladies of Lima this afternoon and evening.

Mr and Mrs Thomas McLaughlin, of north Pierce street, entertained a number of friends at dinner at one o'clock to-day.

Prof and Mrs. Miller had Miss Baker, of Xenia, as their guest to day.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Borges entertained a number of friends at dinner this evening.

Mrs. James B. Townsend entertained a few friends at dinner last evening in honor of Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Aves.

The Kindergarten party this year was a decided success: each little one having worked hard to make pretty gifts for their parents, each learning to feel that it was so much more pleasant to give than receive. Their tree was made dutiful with their own handwork.

The pretty programme was:

March and Song—Hark! The Hells!—Oh, We Shall Be Even with You, Jolly Time!—Dolly! I Suppose You Know!—Janette, Melville.

Play and Song—Come Take a Little Partner!—The Dumb Bells!—The Chorus.

The Middle toe—Over the River and Through the Woods!—March to table lighted with pretty candles.

A little lunch of peanut

**EMBLEMS OF ESTEEM**

Received by Chiefs Bell and Lewis from Their Subordinates

Both Receive Handsome Gold Rings With Sets Emblematic of Orders to Which They Belong.

Two of the proudest and happiest of the city officials to day are Capt. F. M. Bell, chief of the police department, and Chief Frank Lewis, of the fire department. Both received, from their subordinates, beautiful emblems of esteem that were wholly unexpected, but which they thoroughly appreciate and will preserve as treasures dear during the remainder of their natural lives.

At roll call last night when Capt. Bell was at his usual place reading orders to the policemen, City Solider Adgate entered the room, and with eloquent and appropriate remarks, presented him with a beautiful ring, the set in which is an emblem of the Knights of Phythias order. Mr. Adgate stated that the ring was a gift from the members of the police department, who tendered it as material token of their esteem for their chief. Capt. Bell was astounded and it was no minutes before he could collect his senses. He thanked the officers in a manner that thoroughly expressed how deeply the handsome present was appreciated.

Chief Lewis of the fire department, was no less surprised than Capt. Bell. His ring was presented about 10:30 o'clock to-day, soon after the regular morning practice. The presentation was made for members of the department by Foreman Ed Cunningham, whose remarks were very appropriate. Mr. Lewis endeavored to express his appreciation of the gift, but the feelings displayed told plainly what he could not convey in language. The set of the ring is a beautiful emblem of the I. O. O. F. order, of which he is a member.

**OHIO FARMERS**

Will Hold Several Conventions in Columbus in January.

The second week in January will be red letter week for the Buckeye farmers. Many of them expect to attend the annual agricultural convention in Columbus at that time. The convention will divide itself into a number of divisions, favoring all the fields of discussion in which the farmer is specially interested because of his occupation.

First, there will be the farmers' State convention, which will meet in the State Chamber in the State House on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 12 and 13. The State agricultural convention will meet in the same hall on Thursday, January 14, holding morning, afternoon and evening sessions. At the latter session five members of the State Board of Agriculture will be elected.

During the week there will be meetings of the Ohio Draft and Coach Horse Breeders' Association, the Ohio Short Horn Cattle Breeders' Association, the Ohio Jersey Cattle Club, the American Oxford Down Sheep Record Association, the Swine Breeders' Institute and the State Association of Farmers' Clubs, the Ohio Wool Growers' Association, the American Chester White Record Association, the Ohio Sheep Mutton Sheep Breeders' Association, and the association of Fair Presidents and Secretaries.

All pain banished by Dr. Miles' Pain Pills.

**REDISTRICTED**

Are the Fields of the Buckeye Pipe Line Company

M. Moran Superintendent of the South Lima Field—Spencerville Notes.

The Buckeye Pipe Line Wednesday made several changes in the division of the field, and ordered the changes to be made effective at once.

The Indiana district is made a separate division and will be under the supervision of an eastern oil man, A. C. Beeson, with headquarters at Montpelier, Indiana.

The North and South Lima districts are made separate. W. P. Gordon continues as superintendent of the North Lima district, with headquarters changed from Findlay to Toledo.

Mr. Moran will be superintendent of the South Lima district with headquarters in this city.

D. J. O'Day will continue to serve as general superintendent, and John Page as assistant general superintendent.

**THE SPENCERVILLE FIELD**

Big is up for a well on the Rich Sutton farm, Amanda township.

Scott Mills has cased his well on the J. N. Bailey farm, Spencerville township.

Parker Brothers have commenced drilling No 2 on the Thuring farm, Spencerville township.

A little incident which speaks volumes in itself came to the notice of Mayor Hunt this morning, says the *Adrian Times*. A hard working young man named George Forster entered his store and expressed a desire to donate five dollars in work for the new railroad. His proposition was duly recorded. Then he handed the mayor a small slip of paper, adding, "Mother sent this." The slip read as follows.

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I will give Twenty Dollars for the Lima Northern road, now talked of.

Mrs. S. M. For